

ELECTION

This Response is in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated March 16, 2009.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group 1, comprising claims 19 - 27 for examination.

REMARKS

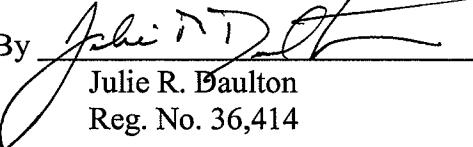
In the Restriction Requirement mailed March 16, 2009, the Examiner restricted between the invention of claims 19-27 and the invention of claims 28-36. In response, applicants elect the invention of claims 19-27, without traverse. Applicants have cancelled un-elected claims 28-36. Further, by this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have cancelled the elected claims 19-27 and have submitted new claims 37-47 for examination. New claims 37-47 are directed to the fluted filter media and are within the same group as the elected claims.

Applicant respectfully requests examination and a Notice of Allowance. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Julie R. Daulton (Reg. No. 36,414), at (612) 336.4724.

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